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 Title : A CARRIER HEAD WITH A MULTILAYER RETAINING RING FOR
 CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING

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REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 15, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of August 15, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

I. Double Patenting

Claims 1-30 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,251,215. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed.

II. Obviousness Rejection

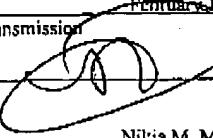
Claims 1, 8-9, 12-13, 20 and 24 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,759,918 ("Hoshizaki") over U.S. Patent No. 5,695,392 ("Kim"). Claims 2-7 and 14-19 stand rejected as obvious over Hoshizaki in view of Kim and "Advanced Engineering Plastics for the Semiconductor Industry" ("DSM"). Claims 10-11 and 22-23 stand rejected as obvious over Hoshizaki in view of Kim and EP Patent No. 0776730 ("Kim").

A. Secondary Considerations

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